

Dear Sir,

A few days ago I made a few statements regarding translators, etc., and would like to add a few more remarks.

First, I would like to state that I am thankful that the FCC allowed us to build an LPFM station in NJ. Indeed, we have been given a voice and intend to use it wisely through service to our communities.

Unfortunately, there are numerous applications for translators that, if approved would adversely affect our reach. For instance, Hope Church of Marlton (FCC facility ID 122809), working under the direction of its parent church, Calvary Church has applied for 69 translators. Two of these translators if approved, would result in loss of reception to those in Millville, Vineland, and Salem County.

We service our region by broadcasting high school games. One of the schools is located near the border of Vineland/Millville. If Calvary's application for frequency 98.5 is approved, no longer would residents in those communities be able to hear the games. Instead, sadly, they would receive a satellite feed from Calvary Church located far away in Costa Mesa, CA.

On the other side of our signal is Salem County, Though sparsely populated it is host to a nuclear power plant. With that said, in the event of a nuclear disaster, we'll be there to safely evacuate residents. A translator run by a organization over a thousand miles away cannot do the same.

Calvary Chapel, through its subsidiary, Hope Christian Church of Marlton, intends on building translators in Glasgow, DE; Vineland, NJ; Wilmington, DE; and Woodbury, NJ. All of these translators will be set at the frequency 98.5. It is possible that all could play a role in hurting our coverage but the translators in Glasgow, DE; and Vineland will most, greatly damage our ability to serve the public.

Our organization, had hoped to build another LPFM in the southern portion of Salem County to further service the residents and their needs. We had the basic engineering work done for the LPFM which would have been located at frequency 103.3 FM. Calvary has been approved to build a translator in New Castle, DE (103.3 FM) and as such we may never be able to build an LPFM in this region, though our station would have much more benefit to the community.

I am in agreement with the NJ Broadcasters Association that the recent filing of translators applications could result in the loss of quality FM station reception for millions of people. I humbly ask that you consider their petition wholly and act accordingly.

By acting on one item in particular, you could help maintain the integrity of FM radio for years to come. Please dismiss the applications for translators with power of less than 100 watts originating from distant organizations. This will get rid of those signals which do little (in my opinion) but disrupt the broadcasts of bonafide local broadcasters. By doing so, I feel, you will allow for real continuity in the FM dial.

I recognize that the FCC has always acted on behalf of the good of the public and that there are many complex issues regarding localism and radio.

Indeed, this well respected organization faces the daunting task of trying to cater to many people with diverse views.

I urge you to pray for wisdom.

Thank you for accepting my statements.

Sincerely, Joe Burke, WZFI-LPFM